Division of Elderly Affairs Louis Pasteur Building-2nd Floor 57 Howard Avenue Cranston, RI 02920

The **Division of Elderly Affairs (DEA)** is responsible for the development of community-based services and programs that encourage independence and preserve the dignity of seniors and adults with disabilities. DEA is also designated as the state's single planning and service area agency on aging under the provisions of the Older Americans Act.

Main Telephone Number	462-3000
Hearing Impaired (TTY)	462-0740
Administration	462-0501
Elder Protective Services	462-0555
Health Insurance Counseling	462-0510
Home & Community Care	462-0570
Media & Communications	462-0509
Web Site	.www.dea.ri.gov

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THE POINT NETWORK PROGRAM

THE POINT Network Program (PNP) is designed to bring information, referral, and long-term care options counseling, as well as the most effective health care service and service delivery under one roof. The **PNP** initiative brings together the regional Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs), Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP), Senior Medicare Patrol Program (SMP), and Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA). The regional integration of these core services ensures that seniors, adults with disabilities, families, and caregivers essential and timely information that is consistent, culturally appropriate, and in their communities. The six regional agencies and their service areas are:

Region 1: Tri-County Community Action Agency 1126 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919 709-2635......www.tri-town.org Burrillville, Cranston, Cumberland, Foster, Glocester, Johnston, North Providence, North Smithfield, Scituate, Smithfield, Woonsocket

Region 2: Westbay Community Action Program 224 Buttonwoods Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 732-4660.....www.westbaycap.org Coventry, East Greenwich, Warwick, West Warwick

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County

Portsmouth, Tiverton

Region 3: South County Community Action 1935 Kingstown Road, South Kingstown, RI

789-3016.....www.sccainc.org

Charlestown, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham (Block Island), North Kingstown, Richmond, South Kingstown, Westerly
Region 4: THE POINT, United Way/2-1-1 50 Valley Street, Providence, RI 02909 462-4444www.uwri.org AND
St. Martin dePorres Center 160 Cranston Street, Providence, RI 02907 274-6783www.diocesepvd.org Providence
Region 5: East Bay Community Action Program 100 Bullocks Point Avenue, East Providence, RI 02915 437-1000www.ebcap.org Barrington, Bristol, Central Falls, East Providence, Pawtucket, Warren

Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport,

Region 6: Child & Family Services of Newport

31 John Clarke Road, Middletown, RI 02842 848-4185.....www.childandfamilyri.com

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL AGENCIES

The **Eldercare Locator** is a nationwide service to help families and friends find information about community services for older people anywhere in the U.S. 1-800-677-1116.......www.eldercare.gov

RI Division of Elderly Affairs is an information and referral resource for seniors, adults, with disabilities, families and caregivers for programs and services that promote their independence and preserve their dignity.

462-3000......462-0740 (TTY).....www.dea.ri.gov

Regional Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) are focal points for information & referral services about community-based long-term care programs & long-term care options counseling. For a listing of local ADRCs, see POINT Network in this guide.

United Way/2-1-1

50 Valley Street, P	rovidence, RI 02909
211	519-0374
(TTY)	444-0600
1-800-367-2700 (T	oll-free, out-of-state)
www.uwri.org	

ADDICTION RESOURCES

Alcoholics Ar	nonymous
1-800-439-886	60www.aa.org
RI Alcoholics	Anonymous
438-8860	www.rhodeisland-aa.org

The Anchor Recovery Community Center 249 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 890 Centerville Road, Warwick, RI 02886 Provides a safe place for people in to share their journey of recovery from addiction. Anchor also sponsors a Telephone Recovery Support Program.

721-5100.....www.anchorrecovery.org

CODAC, 1052 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910, provides treatment, recovery and prevention services for persons struggling with substance abuse, gambling disorders, or other behavioral healthcare issues. With locations in Providence, Newport, South County and East Bay.

461-5056.....www.codacinc.org

Narcotics Anonymous 1-818-773-9999.....www.na.org

The Greater Providence Area of Narcotics Anonymous

1-866-624-3578.....www.gpana.org

ADDICTION RESOURCES

Problem Gambling

Gamblers Anonymous: 1-888-GA-HELPS (1-888-424-3577) www.gamblersanonymous.org

RI Problem Gambling Helpline 1-877-9-GAMBLE (1-877-942-6253)

RI Council on Problem Gambling.....248-5606

National Problem Gambling Helpline...
1-800-522-4700 chat: ncpgambling.org/chat

Rhode Island Hospital Problem Gambling Treatment Program 235 Plain Street, Providence, RI 02905 444-7036.....www.rhodeislandhospital.org

Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Health Care, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH)

Barry Hall, 14 Harrington Road, Cranston, RI 02920.....462-2339.....www.bhddh.ri.gov

Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH) Smokers Quit Line:1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)....www.health.ri.gov......www.quitnowri.com

Licensed adult day care centers provide frail & functionally challenged adults, including those with Alzheimer's disease & other dementias, with care & supervision in a safe environment. Services include recreation & health services, & respite for caregivers.

Bristol: **Cornerstone Adult Services**172 Franklin Street, Bristol, RI 02809
254-9629.....www.stelizabethcommunity.org

Coventry: **Cornerstone Adult Services**60 Wood Street, Coventry, RI 02816
822-6212.....www.stelizabethcommunity.org

Cranston: Cranston Adult Day Services 1070 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI 02920 780-6243.....www.cranstonri.com

Cranston: **Hope Alzheimer's Center**25 Brayton Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920
946-9220......www.hopealzheimerscenter.org

Cranston: Victoria Court Adult Day Services 55 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920 519-0260......www.pacificacranston.com

Little Compton: Cornerstone Adult Services/Nancy Brayton Osborn Adult Day Center, 115 East Main Rd, Little Compton 02837 592-0465......www.stelizabethcommunity.org

Middletown: Forest Farm Adult Day S	ervices
193 Forest Avenue, Middletown, RI 028	842
847-2777www.forestfarmhealthca	re.com

North Providence: Fruit Hill Adult Day Service Center

399 Fruit Hill Avenue, North Providence, RI 02911 353-5805.....www.fruithilladultday.org

Pawtucket: New Horizons Adult Care Health Center

426 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 727-0950.....www.mhri.org/new-horizons

Providence: Elmwood Adult Day Care Healthcare Centers

209 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907 421-6300......www.eadhc.com 20 Miner Street, Providence, RI 02905 461-6060.....www.eadhc.com

Providence: **Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)** 225 Chapman Street, Providence, RI 02905; 490-6566; 1-877-781-PACE(7223); www.pace-ri.org

Smithfield: **Dora C. Howard Centre** 715 Putnam Pike, Smithfield, RI 02828 949-3890.....www.tri-town.org

Smithfield: Generations Adult Day Health Center 267 Jenckes Hill Road, Smithfield, RI 02917 725-6400.....www.generationsri.com

South Kingstown: South Kingstown Adult Day 283 Post Road, South Kingstown, RI 02879

783-8736www.southkingstownri.com
Warren: Willows Adult Day Health Services 47 Barker Avenue, Warren, RI 02885 245-2323www.gracebarkerandthewillows.com
Warwick: Celebrations Adult Day Services a r Tamarisk, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick, RI 02886 732-0037www.tamariskri.org
Warwick: Cornerstone Memory Care Center 140 Warwick Neck Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889 738-8295www.stelizabethcommunity.org
Warwick: Cornerstone Apponaug Day Center 3270 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 739-2847www.stelizabethcommunity.org
Westerly: Adult Day Center of Westerly 5 Union Street, Westerly, RI 02891 596-1336www.pace-ri.org

at

Woonsocket: A Home for The Day 84 Social Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

766-0516	www.s	eniorser	vicesri.o	rg
Woonsocket: Seven	Hills	Rhode	Island	Adult
Day				
80 Fabien Street, Wo	onsoc	ket, RI 0	2895	
775-3841		www	.sevenh	ills.org

ADVOCACY

AARP-Rhode Island, 10 Orms Street, Providence, RI 02904, is a non-profit, non-partisan organization for persons 50 and older. AARP lobbies on behalf of the 50+ population at both the state and federal levels of government for programs and services that enhance their lives. 1-866-542-8170 (Toll Free).....www.aarp.org/RI

The RI Governor's Advisory Commission on Aging advises the Governor and the Director of the Division of Elderly Affairs regarding issues and problems affecting elders and adults with disabilities.

462-0509.....www.dea.ri.gov

The Alliance for Better Long Term Care, 422 Post Road, Suite 204, Warwick, RI 02888, advocates, mediates, and helps to solve problems for residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and those receiving home care or hospice services. All reports of abuse and neglect are kept confidential.

785-3340.. 1-888-351-0808..www.alliancebltc.com

Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities at RI College- Family Voices offers opportunities for families to connect and support one another, and to share experiences and information.

1-800-464-3399, X 139.

www.ric.edu/sherlockcenter

ADVOCACY

The Rhode Island Parent Information Network, RIPIN) 1210 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, provides information, support, and training to empower parents, families, individuals, and family-serving professionals to become effective advocates for themselves and the people in their care.

270-0101....1-800-464-3399...www.ripin.org

The **George Wiley Center**, 32 East Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860, is a statewide group actively committed to local community organizing to create social and economic justice through changes in public policy. Specifically, they work on issues such as hunger, utility shut-offs, and jobs placement. They are concerned with issues related to children, families, seniors, and adults with disabilities. 728-5555......www.georgewileycenter.org

The **Gray Panthers**, 133 Mathewson Street, Providence, RI 02903, work for social and economic justice and peace for all people.

1-800-280-5362

PAL, 96 Rolfe Square, Cranston, RI 02910, is a statewide, not-for-profit organization that was built on the need to support and empower families and people with disabilities as they advocate for themselves.

785-2100......1-800-745-5555 (TTD)

ADVOCACY

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gay (PFLAG) is a support organization that helps parents of gays and lesbians to understand and accept their children. The Greater Providence Chapter meets monthly.

307-1802.....www.pflagprovidence.org

The Senior Agenda Coalition of Rhode Island, 70 Bath Street, Providence, RI 02908, is a diverse group of activists and organizations that educate the community to improve the quality of life for older Rhode Islanders. The Senior Agenda Coalition focuses on issues, legislation, and policies of public and private institutions that affect Rhode Island seniors.

351-6710.....www.senioragendari.org Email:senioragendari@yahoo.com

Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Elders (SAGE/RI), 235 Promenade Street, Suite 500, Providence, RI 02908, promotes, empowers, and contributes to the quality of life for its constituents through service, advocacy, and education.

528-3259.....www.sageusa.org

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

More than 25,000 Rhode Island residents are living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Alzheimer's robs the individual of memory, basic functions, and ultimately life. Alzheimer's disease also takes a toll on family caregivers as they deal with the consequences of dementia, in terms of lost or less productive work time, damage to their physical and emotional health, a threat to their financial security, and constant stress. The Long Term Care Coordinating Council has developed a State Plan for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. plan is available The at www.ltgov.ri.gov.

The Alzheimer's Association, Rhode Island Chapter, 245 Waterman Avenue, Providence, RI 02906, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to coordinate resources for caregivers, educate health professionals and the general public, and advocate for improved public policy.

421-0008	www.alz.org/ri
24 Hour/7 Day Helpl	ine1-800-272-3900

CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAMS

The National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) works with The POINT Network Partners serving seniors to develop and provide basic services to support families who are taking care of seniors.

The POINT......401-462-4444

Parent Support Network of Rhode Island, 535 Centerville Road, Suite 202, Warwick, RI 02886, works with families to promote social and emotional well-being for children and families. 467-6855......www.psnri.org

Respite is planned or emergency care that provides temporary relief to family caregivers of all ages. The CareBreaks Program assists caregivers taking care of family members. Some volunteers may be available. If needed, CareBreaks may also help to pay part of the cost for respite provided by approved agencies. For information, contact the Diocese of Providence, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903. 421-7833.......www.dioceseofprovidence.org

The **RI TimeBank Initiative** works with partners across the state to build support networks of individuals, children, youth, and families. For more information, contact the Rhode Island Parent Support Network at 467-6855, or go to www.psnri.org.

CASE MANAGEMENT

Portsmouth, Tiverton

Case Management programs provide assessment and care planning to assist Rhode Islanders, 60 and older, who meet certain requirements, to remain at home for as long as possible.

Child and Family Services of Newport County, 31 John Clarke Road, Middletown, RI 02842 849-2300.....www.childandfamilyri.com Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport,

Child and Family Services, Providence, 1268 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02905 781-3669.....www.childandfamilyri.com Providence

East Bay Community Action Program

100 Bullocks Point Avenue,
East Providence 02915
847-7821......www.ebcap.org
Barrington, Bristol, Central Falls, East Providence,
Pawtucket, Warren

South County Community Action, 1935 Kingstown Road, South Kingstown, RI 02879 789-3016......www.sccainc.org Block Island, Charlestown, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, North Kingstown, Richmond, South Kingstown, Westerly

CASE MANAGEMENT

Tri-Town Community Action Program, Inc. 1126 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919 519-1940......www.tri-town.org Burrillville, Cranston, Cumberland, Foster, Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln, North Providence, North Smithfield, Scituate, Smithfield, Woonsocket

Westbay Community Action

224 Buttonwoods Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 732-4660.....www.westbaycap.org Coventry, East Greenwich, Warwick, West Greenwich, West Warwick

Chronic diseases have a negative impact on the quality of life for seniors and adults with disabilities. These organizations help persons affected by these conditions to live a better life.

The Alzheimer's Association, RI Chapter, 245 Waterman Avenue, Providence, RI 02906, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to coordinate resources for caregivers, educate health professionals and the general public, and advocate for improved public policy.

24/7 Helpline: 1-800-272-3900......www.alz.org

The American Cancer Society, RI Chapter, 931 Jefferson Blvd., Suite 3004, Warwick, RI 02886, is a nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem.

1-800-227-2345.....www.cancer.org

The American Diabetes Association, New England Chapter, 10 Spleen Street, 2nd Floor, Framingham, MA 01701, seeks to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

617-482-4580.....www.diabetes.org

The American Heart Association, RI Chapter, One State Street, Suite 200, Providence, RI 02908, is a non-profit organization that concentrates its efforts on cardiac care to try to reduce disability and deaths caused by cardiovascular disease and stroke.

228-2320.....www.heart.org

The American Parkinson's Disease Association, RI Chapter, 455 Toll Gate Road, Warwick, RI 02886, serves the patients and caregivers of Rhode Island and South Eastern Massachusetts through the information and referral center at Kent Hospital, and a number of support groups across the state.

736-1046.....www.riapda.org

The Arthritis Foundation of RI, 2348 Post Road, Suite 104, Warwick, RI 02886, seeks to improve the lives of 66 million Americans through prevention, treatment, control, and cure of arthritis and related diseases.

739-3773.....www.arthritis.org

The Chronic Disease Self-Management Program-Living Well RI teaches people how to manage their chronic disease conditions, and chronic pain, chronic pain self-management and to live a better life. In Rhode Island, call the Department of Health Information Line.

222-5960.....www.health.ri.gov

Down Syndrome Society of RI, 4635 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02818, is dedicated to promoting the rights, dignity, and potential of all individuals with Down Syndrome through advocacy, education, public awareness, and support.

463-5751.....www.dssri.org

The **Mental Health Association of RI**, 185 Dexter Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860, provides information and referral for mental health services and support groups.

726-2285.....www.mhari.org

The Muscular Dystrophy Association, RI Chapter, 931 Jefferson Blvd., Suite 1005, Warwick, RI 02886, provides financial assistance to repair durable medical equipment. The agency also runs an equipment loan program, has a medical clinic, sponsors a summer camp for children and also provides family-friendly accessible activities

732-1910......www.mda.org/office/rhode-island

National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc. works toward the prevention, treatment, and cure of rare diseases. It provides links to resources, information and programs, including medication assistance programs.

1-800-999-6673.....www.rarediseases.org

The RI Council of Community Mental Health Organizations, 249 Roosevelt Avenue, Suite 202, Pawtucket, RI 02860, represents community mental health sites that assist individuals seeking information and referral about treatment.

228-7990.....www.riccmho.org

The Rhode Island Recover Support Phone Line connects Rhode Islanders with treatment and recovery supports at any time, day or night, 365 days a year. The phone line is part of the statewide, multimedia public education campaign to promote treatment and recovery and reduce the stigma of substance use disorders. The phone line is staffed by licensed chemical dependence counselors and connects individuals in crisis with treatment and recovery supports.

401-942-STOP (7867) www.preventoverdoseri.org

The RI Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH) fights against the stigmatization of people with developmental disabilities, mental illness, substance use disorders, and addictions. For information on developmental disabilities, call 462-3234

For information on mental health services, call 462-3291.

For information about substance abuse, call:

462-4680

www.bhddh.ri.gov

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

Community Action Programs (CAPs) are social service agencies working to alleviate the problems of poverty through a positive approach. Programs include consumer education, counseling, health & wellness, home weatherization, and heating assistance.

Aquidneck Island/Newport: East Bay CAP: 19 Broadway, Newport, RI 02840
Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Middletown, Jamestown, Little Compton
847-7821.....wwwebcap.org

Blackstone Valley: Blackstone Valley CAP: 32 Goff Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860 Central Falls, Cumberland, Lincoln, Pawtucket 723-4520.....www.bvcap.org

Cranston: Comprehensive CAP: 311 Doric Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910 Cranston, Foster, Scituate, Coventry 467-9610......www.comcap.org

East Bay: East Bay CAP:

100 Bullocks Point Avenue, East Providence, RI 02915

Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Warren 437-1000.....www.ebcap.org

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

Greater Providence: Community Action Partnership of Providence: 518 Hartford Avenue, Providence, RI 02909 Providence 273-2000.....www.cappri.org Greater Woonsocket: Woonsocket Family **Resources Community Action:** 245 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895 Woonsocket 766-0900.....www.famresri.org Kent County: Westbay Community Action: 224 Buttonwoods Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 Warwick, West Warwick, East Greenwich 732-4660.....www.westbaycap.org North Providence: Tri-Town Health Center 33 Maple Avenue, North Providence, RI 02911 519-1940.....www.tri-town.org Northwest: Tri-County Community Action, Inc.: 1126 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919 Burrillville, Glocester, Johnston, North Providence. North Smithfield, Smithfield 519-1940......www.tri-town.org

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

South County: South County Community Action, Inc.: 1935 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879
Charlestown, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham (Block Island), North Kingstown, Richmond, South Kingstown, West Greenwich, Westerly 789-3016......www.sccainc.org

CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAMS

Scams, frauds, and schemes cost seniors, disabled consumers, and the federal government millions of dollars each year. The organizations listed below can help consumers avoid being victimized, preserve valuable assets and resources, and provide ways to report scams and questionable business practices. If you feel that you have been victimized by a fraud, scam or scheme, contact your local police department and the agencies listed in this section.

The **National Do Not Call Registry** allows individuals to limit the number of telemarketing calls they receive.

1-888-382-1222.....www.donotcall.gov

The RI Contractors' Registration & Licensing Board, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908, mediates disputes between homeowners and contractors.

222-1268.....www.crb.ri.gov

The RI Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, provides assistance to consumers with complaints against businesses. 274-4400......www.riag.ri.gov

CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAMS

RI Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) helps persons to recognize and report Medicare and Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse, and also to get the most out of their health care.

462-0931......462-0740 (TTY).....www.dea.ri.gov

The **U.S. Postal Service** accepts reports and investigates claims of mail fraud. 1-800-275-8777

www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov

DENTAL SERVICES

Dental services for limited-income persons may be available under the following programs:

Community College of RI Dental Hygiene Clinic, Flanagan Campus, Lincoln, RI 02865 Nominal fees apply.

333-7250.....www.ccri.edu/dental

The **Donated Dental** program offers free or reduced-cost dental services to income-eligible seniors. Call 1-866-572-9390.

Blackstone Valley: Thundermist Health Center: 191 Social Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895 767-4161.....www.thundermisthealth.org

Kent County: Thundermist Health Center: 1219 Main Street, West Warwick, RI 02893 615-2800......www.thundermisthealth.org

South County: **Thundermist Health Center:** One River Street, Wakefield, RI 02879 783-5646.....www.thundermisthealth.org

East Bay Dental Center

19 Broadway, Newport, RI 02840 848-2160.....www.ebcap.org

DENTAL SERVICES

Tri-County Community Action Program, 1126 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919, offers affordable dental services to residents of Johnston, North Providence, Smithfield, and North Smithfield. 519-1940......www.tri-town.org

WellOne-Primary Medical and Dental Care Provides comprehensive dental services to patients both young and old. Accepts most insurance plans, including Medicaid. Sliding fee scale program.

Locations:

FOSTER

142A Danielson Pike, Foster, RI 02825 647-3702.....www.welloneri.org

NORTH KINGSTOWN

308 Callahan Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852 295-9706.....www.welloneri.org

PASCOAG

36 Bridge Way, Pascoag, RI 02859 567-0800.....www.welloneri.org

SCITUATE

35 Village Plaza Way, Scituate, RI 02857, Scituate, RI 02852 647-6262.....www.welloneri.org

DENTAL SERVICES

The Everett C. Wilcox Family Health Center, 226 Buttonwoods Avenue, Warwick RI 02886, offers services based on a sliding fee scale.

732-9090.....www.comcap.org

Wood River Health Services, 823 Main Street, Hope Valley, RI 02832, offers limited dental services.

539-2461.....www.woodriverhealthservices.org

The RI Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan Program (ATEL), Office of Rehabilitative Services, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, RI 02903, provides demonstrations, training, and long-term loan and device re-utilization services of specialized telephone equipment to qualified individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, have a speech impairment, who suffer from neuromuscular damage, or any disease that hinders them from using a standard telephone. 462-7857......222-1679 (TTY)......www.atel.ri.gov

The Assistive Technology Access Partnership (ATAP), Office of Rehabilitative Services, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, RI 02903, is a group of agencies that work together to reduce or eliminate barriers to access and funding for assistive technology devices and services for individuals with disabilities of all ages.

421-7005.....www.atap.ri.gov

Persons who have incurred a significant disability before age 22 should call the Division of Developmental Disabilities at the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH) about options for various services.

462-3201.....www.bhddh.ri.gov

The **EyeCare America Seniors Program** serves persons who are 65 and older who do not have an ophthalmologist. They can receive no-cost medical eye care services.

1-800-222-3937.....www.eyecareamerica.org

The Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908, administers sign language interpreter services, information and referral.

256-5511 (V/VP).....www.cdhh.ri.gov

The Governor's Commission on Disabilities, 41 Cherry Dale Court, Cranston, RI 02920, ensures that people with disabilities are afforded opportunities to exercise all rights and responsibilities provided to citizens of the state and that each person with a disability is able to reach his/her maximum degree of independence, development, productivity, and self-sufficiency. 462-0100......711 (TTY/Relay RI)

www.disabilities.ri.gov

IN-SIGHT, 43 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02888, provides services for people living with vision loss including low vision exams, independent living training, diabetes counseling and a radio reading service.

941-3322.....www.in-sight.org

Living in Fulfilling Environments, Inc., 490 Metacom Avenue, Bristol, RI 02809, provides a wide range of community-based experiences and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities.

254-2910.....www.lifeincri.org

Ocean State Center for Independent Living (OSCIL), 1944 Warwick Ave., Warwick, RI 02889, and 175 Main St., Pawtucket, RI 02860 is a nonresidential, consumer-driven, community-based. cross-disability, nonprofit organization providing a range of independent living services. These services include individual and community advocacy, information and referral, basic independent living skills training, peer support, community outreach, disability awareness, assistance with nursing home transition, a youth transition program, and assistance in the attainment of assistive devices and home modifications for necessary increased independence.

738-1013 (V); 244-7792 (VP); 1-866-857-1161 (Toll Free)..... info@oscil.org...... www.oscil.org

The Office of Rehabilitation Services, 40 Fountain St., Providence, RI 02903, administers Disability Determination Services for the Social Security Administration. The agency determines the medical eligibility of individuals with disabilities applying for cash benefits.

421-7005.....www.ors.ri.gov

Opportunities Unlimited For People With Differing Abilities, Inc., One Worthington Road, Cranston, RI 02920, provides support services for adults with disabilities.

942-9044.....www.oppunlimited.com

Relay Rhode Island/711 can connect hearingimpaired Rhode Islanders with various government agencies and also assists them in completing the call.

1-800-745-5555 (English-TTY). 1-866-355-9214 (Spanish-TTY)

The **RI Brain Injury Resource Center**, 935 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910, works to improve access to educational materials and resources for survivors of brain injuries, family members, and professionals in the field.

461-6599.....www.biusa.org/ri

DISABILITY RESOURCES

Saving Sight, 982 West Shore Road, Warwick, RI 02889, conducts glaucoma screening programs and public information campaigns to detect and fight causes of blindness.

738-1150.....www.savingsightri.org

RI State Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, RI 02903, provides vocational rehabilitation, counseling, medical evaluation, home teaching, and other services.

462-7917(Voice)...421-7016 (TTY)... www.ors.ri.gov

Talking Books Plus, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908, serves persons who have a visual impairment or physical disability that hinders them from using a traditional library. They can borrow books and magazines in large print, braille, or talking books on cassette or disc, free of charge. Machines and materials are shipped free directly through the U.S. mail.

574-9310.....www.olis.ri.gov/tbp

TechACCESS of Rhode Island, 110 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 1, Warwick, RI 02888, works towards assuring that persons of all ages and disabilities will have access to technologies and technology services to encourage and support their full participation in all aspects of life. 463-0202......www.techaccess-ri.org

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DISABILITY RESOURCES

These centers diagnose and treat hearing, speech, language, and swallowing problems:

Memorial Hospital of Pawtucket

111 Brewster Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 729-2022......723-2050 (TTY).....www.mhri.org

Rhode Island Hospital

593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903 444-5485.....www.rhodeislandhospital.org

University of Rhode Island Speech and Hearing Centers:

www.uri.edu

Kingston: 25 Independence Way, Kingston, RI 02881 874-5969, or 874-4292

Pawtucket. 500 Prospect Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 721-0734

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Rhode Island residents 60 and older may take courses at state colleges, on a space-available basis, without paying tuition. Contact your local college or university for eligibility and fees, if applicable. Contact your local school department, civic organization, or church, for information on other types of learning opportunities.

The **Lifelong Learning Collaborative** is an independent, non-profit, peer-run organization that provides mature adults with varied opportunities for lifelong learning.

270-2556....www.lifelonglearningcollaborative.org

The **Learning Connection**, 201 Wayland Avenue, #6, Providence, RI 02906, offers adult education classes on a wide variety of topics.

274-9330.....www.learningconnect.com

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Rhode Island is a learning community for active adults, starting at age 50, who wish to explore a wide variety of subjects and programs without worry of exams, grades, or academic requirements.

874-4194 or 874-4197.....www.uri.edu/olli

ABUSE/SELF-NEGLECT

The RI Division of Elderly Affairs (DEA) Adult Protective Services (APS) Unit, 57 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, is responsible for investigating complaints of abuse of Rhode Islanders 60 and older by a family member, caregiver, or person with duty of care. Abuse may be physical, emotional, sexual, financial exploitation, or abandonment.

Self-neglect occurs when a person is no longer able to care for himself/herself. Reports of self-neglect are also made to the **DEA APS Unit**. The senior's needs are assessed and necessary services can be provided.

RI law requires any person who has reasonable cause to believe that a senior has been abused, or is neglecting his or her basic needs, to report it to **DEA**. Failure to report abuse of a person 60 or older can result in a fine of up to \$1,000.

Abuse and self-neglect reports can be filed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and on nights, weekends, and holidays, by calling 462-0555. Reports can be filed anonymously.

The **DEA APS Unit** works with case management agencies to develop a care plan that prevents additional abuse and addresses the elder's needs.

ABUSE/SELF-NEGLECT

Under Rhode Island law (R.I.G.L 42-66-10), **DEA** records pertaining to a person reported to be abused, neglected, exploited, or abandoned, are confidential and are not deemed public records.

The Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General/Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, investigates and prosecutes crimes committed against persons 60 and older.

274-4400,ext. 2383.....www.riag.state.ri.us

The Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 422 Post Road, Suite 102, Warwick, RI 02888, works to eliminate domestic violence in Rhode Island.

24/7 Helpline:1-800-494-8100....www.ricadv.org

DEA sponsors the **Volunteer Guardianship Program**, 57 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920 Volunteers are trained to serve as health care guardians for eligible frail elders suffering from dementia.

462-3000.....www.dea/ri.gov

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

One of the keys to surviving a disaster, either manmade or natural, is preparation. The **Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency**, 645 New London Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, has information and resources to help seniors and adults with disabilities prepare for natural or manmade disaster situations.

946-9996.....www.riema.ri.gov

The Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency and the Rhode Island Department of Health urge anyone with a chronic disability, health condition, limited mobility, or special health care need(s) to enroll in the Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry. The registry was developed to make sure that there is a system to identify Rhode Islanders who require special assistance during emergencies.

Rhode Island Department of Health: 222-5960....711 (Relay RI)......www.health.ri.gov

Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency: 946-9996.....www.riema.ri.gov

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/ DEBT COUNSELING

Money Management International, 501 Centreville Road, 2nd. Floor, Warwick, RI 02886, is a non-profit organization that provides full service financial counseling, financial education, debt management programs, and housing counseling. Services are provided either in person or over the Internet. All information is confidential. Money Management International helps clients resolve financial difficulties and achieve long-term financial well-being and lifelong financial management skills.

1-866-226-0278......www.moneymanagement.org

The statewide Senior Nutrition Programs are known as the Cafés. Each Café will offer at least two of the three meal choices daily. The "spa option," for the health conscious, features lighter fare such as a main course salad. The "pub option" offers a sandwich for those who want a traditional. wholesome lunch. And the "hearty option" provides a full, hot lunch for those who prefer their main meal at midday. The Cafés welcome all diners 60 and over (in the case of a married couple, only one spouse must be over 60). There is a suggested donation of \$3 per meal. No one is turned away if they cannot make a donation. SNAP beneficiaries may use their Electronic Benefits Cards (EBTs) at Cafés. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance. To locate a Café location near vou. call:

Blackstone Cafés: Bla	ackstone Health, Inc.
728-9290	www.pawtucketri.com

Capital Cities Cafés:

Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island, Inc.
351-6700.....www.rimeals.org

East Bay Cafés:
East Bay Community Action Program
437-1000......www.ebcap.org

Narragansett Indian Tribe Café 213-6880, X 13.....pnoka@nitribe.org

Northern Rhode Island Cafés: Senior Services, Inc. 766-3734.....www.seniorservicesri.org Westbay Cafés: Westbay Community Action Program 732-4660.....www.westbaycap.org Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island, 70 Bath Street, Providence, RI 02908, provides home delivered meals to frail, homebound seniors and qualified disabled persons, five days per week. To qualify, seniors must be 60 years or older, live alone, have no one to help them, and be unable to shop, cook, or drive. Donations are accepted, but are not mandatory. 351-6700.....www.rimeals.org Additional resources are also available to older Rhode Islanders who are in need of emergency food assistance. Comprehensive Community Action Program-Family Health Services of Cranston, 1090. Cranston, RI 02910, provides emergency food assistance to residents of Cranston, Coventry, Scituate, and Foster.

943-1981.....www.comcap.org

The Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless, (RICH) 1070 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860, is a statewide advocacy organization to end homelessness in Rhode Island. RICH offers a legal clinic for individuals experiencing homelessness and publishes the "Street Sheet," a listing of emergency shelters, food pantries, and other helpful resources.

721-5685.....www.rihomeless.org

The **Rhode Island Community Food Bank**, 200 Niantic Avenue, Providence, RI 02905, helps people stretch their food budgets.

942-6325.....www.rifoodbank.org

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, can provide assistance to help individuals and families who are struggling to purchase food.

Income Eligibility for Seniors & Adults with Disabilities:

One person.....\$1,980 per month Two persons.....\$2,670 per month

Seniors and adults with disabilities with incomes above those amounts may still be eligible, but there will have a monthly resource limit. Several deductions are subtracted from a person's gross income to determine the benefit. They may include deductions for household and telephone

SNAP continued:

expenses, an earned income deduction for individuals who are working, deductions for medical expenses, and excess shelter costs.. Applicants may request a home or telephone interview. For more information, contact your local Department of Human Services office, or call the University of Rhode Island **SNAP** Outreach Project.

1-866-306-0270.....www.eatbettertoday.com

The University of Rhode Island Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America helps low-income individuals and families access food assistance benefits. The goal of this outreach program is to increase participation in SNAP. Benefits help families and individuals supplement their food budgets so that they can buy higher-quality and more nutritious food using their EBT cards. SNAP allows persons who are 60 and older, disabled or homeless to use their EBT cards to purchase meals at participating restaurants. EBT cards can also be used at Farmers' Markets across the state.

1-866-306-0270.....www.eatbettertoday.com

GERIATRIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT CENTERS

Seniors who have shown recent changes in their physical, psychological, or social functioning are candidates for assessment. These organizations offer geriatric assessments:

East Providence:

RI Mood and Memory Research Institute, 1018 Waterman Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914, 435-8950.....www.rimmri.com

North Providence:

Roger Williams Geriatric Assessment Program, Two Atlantic Boulevard, North Providence, RI 02911 231-0450.....www.rwmc.org

Pawtucket:

Memorial Hospital Neurology Department, 111 Brewster Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 729-2304.....www.mhri.org University Medicine Gerontology Center 407 East Avenue, Suite 110 Pawtucket, RI 02860 728-7270....www.mhri.org

GERIATRIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT CENTERS

Providence:

Alzheimer's	Disease	&	Memory	Disorders
Center				

Rhode Island Hospital, 593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903 444-6440.....www.rhodeislandhospital.org

Butler Hospital Memory and Aging Program

345 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, RI 02906 455-6403.....www.butler.org 455-6402......Clinical Trials Research Line

RI & Miriam Hospital Geriatric Neuropsychological Program

Coro Building, 167 Point Street, Providence, RI 02903

444-4500.....www.rihospital.org

Community health centers provide many health services for low-income persons, including seniors. Payment is based on a sliding scale.

Block Island: Block Island Health Services
6 Payne Road, Block Island, RI 02807
466-2974www.rihca.org

Central Falls:

Blackstone Valley Community Health Center 9 Chestnut Street, Central Falls, RI 02863 722-0081.....www.blackstonechc.org

Charlestown:

Narragansett Indian Health Center 51 Old Mill Road, Charlestown, RI 02813 364-1265.....www.narragansett-tribe.org

Coventry: Coventry Family Health Center		
191 MacArthur Boulevard	Coventry, RI 02816	
828-5335	.www.comcap.org	

Cranston: Cranston Family Health C	enter
1090 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI 0	2920
943-1981www.cranstonri.	com

East Providence:

East Bay Family Health Center 100 Bullocks Point Avenue, East Providence, RI 02915

437-1008.....www.ebcap.org

Foster:

142A Danielson Pike, Foster, RI 02825
647-3702www.welloneri.org
Johnston: Tri-Town Health Center 1126 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919 519-1940www.tri-town.org
Newport:
East Bay Family Health Care
6 John Chafee Boulevard, Newport, RI 02840
848-2160www.ebcap.org
North Kingstown:
308 Callahan Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852
295-9706www.welloneri.org
Pawtucket:
Blackstone Valley Community Health Center
42 Park Place, Pawtucket, RI 02860
722-0081www.blackstonechc.org
Blackstone Valley Health Care
39 East Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860
722-0081www.blackstonechc.org
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WellOne Primary Care Medical and Dental Care 36 Bridge Way, Pascoag, RI 02859
567-0800www.welloneri.org
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Providence:

Capitol Hill Health Center
40 Candace Street, Providence, RI 02908
444-0550www.providencechc.org
Central Health Center
239 Cranston Street, Providence, RI 02907
444-0580www.providencechc.org
Chad Brown Health Center
285A Chad Brown Street, Providence, RI 02908
274-6339www.providencechc.org
274-0359www.providencechc.org
Chafee Health Center
One Warren Way, Providence, RI 02905
444-0530www.providencechc.org
444 0000www.providencedic.org
Clinica Esperanza
60 Valley Street-Unit, Providence, RI 02909
649-9683www.aplacetobehealthy.org
049-9000www.apiacetobenealthy.org
Crossroads Rhode Island
160 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02903
861-2403www.providencechc.org
our-2400www.providencechc.org
Met School Health Clinic
355 Public Street, Providence, RI 02906
752-2693www.providencechc.org
1 32-2033www.providencechc.org

North Main Street Clinic 530 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904
415-9500www.providencechc.org
Olneyville Health Center 100 Curtis Street, Providence, RI 02909 444-0540www.providencechc.org
Prairie Avenue Health Center 355 Prairie Avenue, Providence, RI 02905 444-0570www.providencechc.org
RI Free Clinic 655 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02907 274-6347www.rifreeclinic.org
St. Joseph's Hospital: 21 Peace Street, Providence, RI 02907 456-3000www.saintjoseph.com
Richmond: Wood River Health Services 823 Main Street, Hope Valley, RI 02832 539-2461www.woodriverhealthservices.org
Scituate: WellOne Scituate 35 Village Plaza Way, Scituate, RI 02857, Scituate, RI 02852 647-6262www.welloneri.org

South Kingstown:	
Thundermist Hea	alth Center
One River Street,	Wakefield, RI 02879
783-0523	www.thundermisthealth.org
Warwick:	
vvaiwick.	

Everett C. Wilcox Family Health Center 226 Buttonwoods Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 467-9610 X 112.....www.comcap.org

West Warwick:

Thundermist Health Center 1219 Main Street, West Warwick, RI 02893 615-2800.....www.thundermisthealth.org

Woonsocket:

Thundermist Health Center 450 Clinton Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895 767-4100.....www.thundermisthealth.org

HEATING ASSISTANCE

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides assistance to income-eligible consumers in meeting the costs of heating their homes. The amount of assistance provided is based on household size and income level. Current (FY2017) annual income guidelines are:

1-person household	\$28,533
2-person household	\$37,312
3-person household	\$46,082
4-person household	
5-person household	\$63,650

Apply for heating assistance at these local agencies:

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program 32 Goff Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860 Central Falls, Cumberland, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Woonsocket 723-0227.....www.bvcap.org

Comprehensive Community Action Programs 311 Doric Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910 Cranston, Foster, Scituate 467-9610......www.comcap.org

HEATING ASSISTANCE

East Bay Community Action Program

100 Bullocks Point Avenue, East Providence, RI 02915

Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Warren

437-5102.....www.ebcap.org

Providence Heating Assistance:

518 Hartford Avenue, Providence, RI 02909 Providence

273-0882.....www.cappri.org

South County Community Action Program

1935 Kingstown Road, South Kingstown, RI 02879 Charlestown, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham, North Kingstown, Richmond, South Kingstown, West Greenwich, Westerly 789-3016......www.sccainc.org

Tri-Town Community Action Program

33 Maple Street, North Providence, RI 02911 Burrillville, Glocester, Johnston, North Providence, Smithfield

519-1940.....www.tri-town.org

West Bay Community Action Program

208 Buttonwoods Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 Coventry, East Greenwich, Warwick, West Warwick

732-4660.....www.westbaycap.org

HEATING ASSISTANCE

Information about heating assistance is also available from these agencies/organizations:

Citizens Energy (Corporation
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1-877-JOE-4-OIL.....www.citizensenergy.com

Diocese of Providence: Keep the Heat On

1 Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903 421-7833, Ext. 207.....www.heatri.com

RI Office of Energy Resources

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 574-9100.....www.energy.ri.gov

Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center

201 Pitman Street, Providence, RI 02906 No income or insurance is required for services. 401-421-5270.....www.salvationarmy.org

Home and Community Care Programs provide eligible seniors with innovative options to help them remain in the community and avoid premature institutionalization. Based on eligibility, Home and Community Care Medicaid Waiver Programs may provide home health aide services, adult day services, Meals on Wheels, Senior Companion services, personal emergency alert systems, minor home modifications, assistive devices, or assisted living services. For Home and Community Care Medicaid Waiver Programs, a person must be a Rhode Island resident 65 or older, be eligible for Medical Assistance (Medicaid), unable to leave home without considerable assistance, and need help with the tasks of daily living.

For persons who meet the guidelines for the Rhode Island Home and Community Care Co-Pay Program, services are provided at a reduced rate. Co-payment amounts are determined by the client's income level. Annual income guidelines are \$15,075 for a single person and \$20,300 for a couple at Level One and \$24,120 for a single person, and \$32,480 for a couple at Level Two. DEA works with a network of regional case management agencies to develop care plans to help seniors remain in the least restrictive and safest environment.

To be eligible for the **Co-Pay Program**, a person must be a Rhode Island resident age 65 or older, be ineligible for Medicaid, unable to leave home without considerable assistance, and need help with the tasks of daily living.

Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs: 462-0570......462-0740 (TTY).....www.dea.ri.gov

THE POINT: 462-4444.......462-4445(TTY)

Persons who had a significant disability before age 22 should call the **Department of Behavioral Healthcare Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH)** about options for home and community care.

462-3421.....www.bhddh.ri.gov

The Program for the All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE), 225 Chapman Street, Providence, RI 02905, provides individuals with an alternative to nursing home care. To be eligible for PACE, a person must be 55 or older, live in RI, and meet the clinical level of care requirements. To enroll in PACE, the client must agree to get their care from a network of doctors and providers who participate in the program. PACE coordinates all care to meet the daily needs of the client with a team of caregivers that includes social workers, nurses, and other professional staff. PACE is also a licensed adult day service program.

490-6566.....www.pace-ri.org

Persons who qualify for **Medicaid Long-Term**Care may be able to hire their own caregiver who can help with home activities through the **Personal**Choice Waiver Program.

Contact:

People Actively Reaching Independence (PARI), 500 Prospect Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 725-1966 (V/TTY).....www.pari-ilc.org

Ocean State Center for Independent Living (OSCIL),

1944 Warwick Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889 175 Main St., Pawtucket, RI 02860 738-1013 (V); 244-7792 (VP); 1-866-857-1161 (Toll Free); Email: info@oscil.org....Website: www.oscil.org

Persons eligible for Medicaid and who are in a nursing home, but would like to live at home or in the community, may be able to participate in the **Rhode to Home** Nursing Home Transition Program through the Rhode Island Department of Human Services. The program provides support and services to help make this transition possible. 462-6393......www.dhs.ri.gov

Visiting Nurse Agencies provide home health care, which may include nursing care, physical therapy, hospice care, speech therapy, and other services. For a listing of these agencies, call THE POINT.

462-4444 (TTY)

HOME AND HOSPICE CARE

Hospice care focuses on the social, spiritual, and emotional needs of terminally ill patients and their loved ones. Medicare covers hospice services as long as the providing agency is a certified Medicare provider. Contact these agencies:

Gentiva Health Care, 2374 Post Road, Suite 206, Warwick, RI 02886 738-1492.....www.gentiva.com

Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island, and Philip Hulitar Hospice Center, 1085 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904, offers medical, emotional and spiritual care for people facing serious illness. (401)415-4200....1-800-338-6555 HopeHospiceRI.org
Information@HopeHealthCo.org

Nursing Placement, Inc., 334 East Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860 728-6500.....www.nursingplacement.com

Most Visiting Nurse Agencies (VNAs) provide hospice services. For a listing of VNAs, call THE POINT. 462-4444.......462-4445 (TTY)

The Rhode Island Partnership for Home Care, can provide referrals to home hospice providers. 260 W. Exchange St, Suite 5, Providence, RI, 351-1010......www.riphc.org

The Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless, (RICH) 1070 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860, is a statewide advocacy organization to end homelessness in Rhode Island. RICH offers a legal clinic for individuals experiencing homelessness and publishes the "Street Sheet," a listing of emergency shelters, food pantries, and other helpful resources.

721-5685.....www.rihomeless.org

Crossroads Rhode Island, 160 Broad Street, RI 02903, provides information and referral for the homeless and those in transition.

521-2255.....www.crossroadsri.org

Many cities and towns have public housing authorities that provide affordable apartments and Section 8 vouchers.. Contact your local city or town hall.

Some Community Action Programs (CAPS) provide housing assistance and may have funding assistance for home repair services. Please refer to the list of Community Action Programs in this publication.

Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM), often referred to as Reverse Mortgages, allow seniors to borrow against the equity in their homes. The loan is repaid when the house is sold or when the owner/borrower ceases to live in it. Interest rates and loan limits vary from lending institution to lending institution. Under HECM, borrowers must be 62 or older and meet annual income limits. For more information, contact your local bank, credit union, or other financial institution.

Housing Network of Rhode Island, 44 Nashua Street, Providence, RI 02904, is a state association of non-profit community development corporations. Members of the Housing Network of Rhode Island have developed thousands of affordable housing options in Rhode Island and promote public awareness regarding the state's housing and economic needs.

1-877-428-8844....711 (Relay RI) www.socialserve.com

HomeLocatorRI.net is a free website that lists homes for rent or sale in Rhode Island.

1-877-428-8844.....www.homelocatorri.net

Rhode Island Housing, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903, oversees the management of 20,000 apartments for low-income seniors. families. and persons with disabilities. Approximately 15,000 of these apartments are Section 8. Under this category, tenants pay 30 percent of their income for rent. The remaining 5,000 apartments have a variety of subsidies that keep the rents affordable for low-income households. Generally, residents of Section 8 apartments must earn no more than 50 percent of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) median family income for their community and household size. Applicants can apply for housing in any community in which they would like to live. Most communities have a waiting list.

457-1234 (Voice)......1-800-427-5560

450-1394 (TTY).....www.rihousing.org

The RI Housing Help Center, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903, offers seniors a safe place to receive help with their mortgages, and avoid foreclosure. Seniors who have received a notice of a tax sale for their home may contact the Rhode Island Housing Help Center for information at 457-1130, or the Rhode Island Bar Association at 521-5040 for legal assistance. Seniors can also contact the local tax assessor to inquire about a payment plan, or other arrangements.

457-1130.....www.rihousing.org

Operation Stand Down Rhode Island serves homeless and disabled veterans.

1010 Hartford Avenue, Unit #1 Johnston, RI 02919 383-4730

790 Providence Street
West Warwick, RI 02893
320-1022
1-800-861-VETS (8387).....www.osdri.com

The Rhode Island Housing's Home Improvement & Lead Abatement Programs can assist qualified residents in obtaining grants or low-interest home repair and improvement loans. 457-1127 (Home Improvement) 450-1350 (Lead Abatement)...www.rihousing.org

The **U.S.D.A.** Rural **Development**, 60 Quaker Lane, Suite 44, Warwick, RI 02886, provides grants and loans for home repairs and improvements to qualified homeowners. 826-0842, ext.2......www.rurdev.usda.gov

LEGAL SERVICES

Advance health care directives are written instructions indicating what type of medical intervention you choose during a time when you may become incapacitated. The durable power of attorney for health care permits you to appoint an agent, or agents, to make health care decisions on your behalf, if you are unable to communicate your wishes. A living will directs your physicians, in advance, to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining procedures, if those are your wishes. Advance health care directive forms available from the RI Dept. of Health. 222-5960; www.health.ri.gov

The RI Bar Association's Legal Information and Referral Service for the Elderly, 41 Sharpe Drive, Cranston, RI 02920, helps anyone 60 and older obtain legal services and advice. Seniors may receive a free initial consultation of up to 30 minutes. Collect calls are accepted. Seniors who have received a notice of a tax sale of their home may contact the Rhode Island Bar Association for assistance. 521-5040.......www.ribar.com

The Rhode Island Disability Law Center, 275 Westminster Street, Suite 401, Providence, RI 02903, provides free legal assistance to persons with disabilities. Services include individual representation to protect rights or to secure benefits, services, and administrative and legislative advocacy.

1-800-733-5332.....www.ridlc.org

LEGAL SERVICES

Rhode Island Legal Services Senior Citizens Program helps low income persons 60 and older with legal advice and assistance. This program assists seniors with problems related to housing and public assistance programs, including Social Security and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) programs.

Providence: 56 Pine Street, Providence, RI 02903 274-2652.......1-800-662-4034

Newport: 50 Washington Square, Newport, RI 02840 846-2264.....www.rils.org

LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN

The Alliance for Better Long Term Care, 422 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02888, advocates, mediates, and helps to solve problems for residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and those receiving home care or hospice services. The Rhode Island State Long Term Care Ombudsman is also responsible for investigating complaints of inadequate care and abuse suffered by elders and adults with disabilities who are using long-term care services. All reports of abuse and neglect are kept confidential.

785-3340 1-888-351.0808 www.alliancebltc.com

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MEDICAID)

Community Medical Assistance Fee-For-Service is "traditional" Medical Assistance (Medicaid). Health or medical benefits are obtained directly from a provider that accepts Medical Assistance. Individuals over age 65 may be eligible for Medicaid if they are a Rhode Island resident, have a work history of less than 10 years that disqualifies them for Medicare, and who meet specified guidelines. A person may still qualify for Medicaid if they have unpaid medical expenses. The "flex test" may reduce their income to fall within Medicaid guidelines.

Medically Needy: Income......\$867/month Categorically Needy: Income.....\$980.83/month

Resources for both categories:

\$4,000 (S).....\$6,000 (M)

Adults with disabilities may be eligible for **Medicaid** if they are 18 years or older, a Rhode Island resident, and receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Refer to the SSI income and resource information on in this guide.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MEDICAID)

Regional Medicaid offices:

Newport Regional Center

272 Valley Road, Suite 1, Middletown, RI 02842 851-2100

Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton

Pawtucket Dept. of Human Services

249 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860 721-6600......1-800-984-8989 Barrington, Bristol, Central Falls, East Providence, Pawtucket, Warren

Providence Regional Family Center

206 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907 415-8200

Cranston, Johnston, Providence, Scituate

South County Regional Family Center

4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite G1, South Kingstown, RI 02879.......782-4300......1-800-862-0222 Charlestown, Coventry, East Greenwich, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham, North Kingstown, Richmond, South Kingstown, West Greenwich, Westerly

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MEDICAID)

Regional Medicaid offices:

Warwick Department of Human Services 195 Buttonwoods Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 736-1400 Warwick, West Warwick

Woonsocket Department of Human Services 450 Clinton Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895 235-6200 Burrillville, Cumberland, Foster, Glocester, Lincoln, North Providence, North Smithfield, Smithfield, Woonsocket

You can also log on to the Department of Human Services web site at www.dhs.ri.gov.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MEDICAID)

Medicaid Long Term Care (LTC) services are available for individuals over age 65 and for adults with disabilities. Services include nursing home care or home and community- based supports, homemaker/CNA services, such as medical equipment, Meals on Wheels, personal emergency response systems, case management, Senior Companions, assisted living, respite, or minor home modifications. Individuals must require a certain level of care to qualify. Only individuals who qualify for the highest level of care are eligible for nursing facility care. In the next year, there will be changes to Medicaid as a result of the implementation of the Integrated Care Initiative for persons enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid. Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselors will be able to assist beneficiaries in making the most appropriate choice for their longterm health care needs.

Long Term Care Medicaid Offices: 462-5182 Charlestown, Coventry, Cranston, Exeter, Foster, Hopkinton, Johnston, Narragansett, New Shoreham, North Kingstown, Richmond, Scituate, South Kingstown, Warwick, West Greenwich, West Warwick, Westerly

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MEDICAID)

Long Term Care Medicaid Offices: **East Providence Long Term Care** 206 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907 415-8459

Newport Regional Family Center

272 Valley Road, Middletown, RI 02842 851-2100......1-800-675-9397

Providence Regional Family Center

206 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907 415-8524 (Home & Community Based Services) 415-8455 (Nursing Homes)

Woonsocket Long Term Care

800 Clinton Street, 2nd Floor, Suite 201, Woonsocket, RI 02895 235-6241

RI Veterans Memorial Cemetary

301 South County Trail, Exeter, ŘI 02822 268-3088

RI Veterans Home

480 Metacom Avenue, Bristol, RI 02809 253-8000, X 495

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MEDICAID)

Tri-Town Community Action Program1126 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919 351-2750.....www.tri-town.org

Under **Shared Living**, a person can live with their caregiver and receive personal care, homemaker services, and other benefits. For additional information:

Caregiver Homes

235 Promenade Street, Suite 417
Providence, RI 02908
473-2160.....www.caregiverhomes.com

Seven Hills Rhode Island

30 Cumberland Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895 229-9760.....www.sevenhills.org

The Integrated Care Initiative provides managed long-term care services to individuals who have both Medicare and Medicaid. The goal is to coordinate and improve the delivery of community-based long-term care services. Individuals enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid can choose to receive services from Rhody Health Options or Connect Care Choice Community Partners. Some persons may be eligible to enroll on the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

1-855-444-3604......www.eohhs.ri.gov

MEDICARE

Medicare is the nation's health insurance program for people 65 and older, and younger people who are disabled for 24 months, or who have end stage renal disease. Medicare consists of four parts—Part A (Hospital Insurance), Part B (Medical Insurance), Part C (Medicare Advantage Insurance Plans), and Medicare Part D (Medicare Prescription Drug Plans). Persons over age 65 are automatically entitled to Medicare Part A if they or their spouse are eligible for Social Security or Railroad Retirement.

Part A covers a portion of inpatient hospital, skilled nursing facility, home health, and hospice care. Part B is optional insurance that supplements Part A coverage. Part B covers a portion of medical and physician services, outpatient hospital, home health, durable medical equipment, laboratory and x-ray, ambulance, and other services. Apply for **Medicare** at Social Security, or online three months before turning age 65.

1-800-MEDICARE.....(1-800-633-4227) 1-877-486-2048 (TTY)......www.medicare.gov

Healthcentric Advisors, 235 Promenade Street, Suite 500, Providence, RI 02908, is the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Rhode Island.

528-3200.....www.healthcentricadvisors.org

MEDICARE PREMIUM PAYMENT PROGRAMS

Medicare Premium Payment (MPP) programs help Medicare beneficiaries pay some or all of the cost of their Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B premiums, deductibles, and co-insurances.

For the **Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)** program, the Department of Human Services (DHS) Medicaid Division will pay both the Medicare Part A, if applicable, and Medicare Part B premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance for persons over 65, and adults with disabilities, if their income does not exceed 100% of FPL.

For the **Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary** program **(SLMB)**, Medicaid will pay the Medicare Part B premium if the beneficiary's income does not exceed 120% of FPL.

For the **Qualified Individual (QI1)** program, Medicaid will pay the Medicare Part B premium, subject to availability of state funds, if the beneficiary's income does not exceed 135% of FPL.

The resource limits for all **MPP** programs are: Single: \$7,280......Married: \$10,930 For more information about MPP programs, contact the Rhode Island Department of Human Services.462-5300.....www.dhs.ri.gov

MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Medicare Part D) help Medicare beneficiaries pay for prescription drugs. Coverage is available for both generic and brand name medications. Premiums, deductibles, and co-payments may apply.

Assistance in paying for Medicare Part D plan premiums and other expenses (Low-Income Subsidy-LIS, or "Extra Help") may be available for beneficiaries who have limited income and resources. For more information, contact Social Security at: www.ssa.gov

1-800-772-1213 (Voice)....1-800-325-0778 (TTY)

Medicare beneficiaries can get one-to-one, unbiased and confidential counseling for Medicare Part D by contacting any of the regional Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) partner agencies listed in this guide.

NeedyMeds is an information clearinghouse that helps those who are unable to afford their medications or health care costs to access patient assistance programs.

1-978-281-6666.....www.needymeds.org

MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Many pharmaceutical manufacturers make some of their drugs available, free of charge, to patients who have difficulty paying for them.

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

877-743-6779......www.RxforRl.org
Partnership for Prescription Assistance:
1-888-4PPA-NOW.....www.pparx.org

The Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Elderly (RIPAE) program pays some of the cost of RIPAE-approved prescription medications during the deductible phase and offers partial reimbursement for RIPAE-approved medications to enrollees who enter the "donut hole" of their Medicare Part D plans, or if a medication is not covered by a Part D plan and is on the RIPAE formulary. Rhode Island residents 65 and older who meet certain income limits and provide proof of Medicare Part D coverage, and adults age 55 to 64 receiving Social Security Disability (SSDI) payments, may be eligible.

MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

RIPAE Income Limits:

60% Subsidy: \$22,499 (S)	\$28,126 (M)
30% Subsidy: \$28,243(S)	\$35,317 (M)
15% Subsidy: \$49,520 (S)	\$56,489 (M)

Income guidelines are adjusted in July, based on the annual Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

462-0530......462-0740 (TTY)......www.dea.ri.gov

The **Rhode Island Best Rx** is a prescription drug discount card program designed to lower the cost of prescriptions for eligible Rhode Island residents. Eligibility is based on age or income status. 1-877-309-5811 or TTY users should call 711 www.ribestrx.com

Some **community health centers** provide low-cost or free mental health services for low-income persons, including seniors. Payment is based on a sliding scale. A list of the community mental health agencies can be found in this guide.

Medical Detoxification Programs are staffed by professionals who have special skills in helping substance abusers and their families deal with the physical and emotional problems caused by addiction and substance abuse. Treatment is always confidential. The following sites offer medical detoxification:

The Butler Hospital Alcohol & Drug Inpatient Treatment Center, 345 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, RI 02906 455-6214.....www.butler.org

Roger Williams Medical Center Behavioral Health:

825 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence, RI 02908 456-2000......www.rwmc.org

SSTAR of Rhode Island Detoxification Services:

1959 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852 294-6160.....www.sstar.org

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Rhode Island, 154 Waterman Street, Suite 5B, Providence, RI 02906, educates the public about mental illness, and offers resources to provide support to all whose lives are touched by mental illness.

331-3060; 1-800-749-3197; www.namirhodeisland.org

www.namimodeisiand.org

The **Mental Health Association of Rhode Island**, 185 Dexter Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860, provides information and referral for mental health services and support groups.

726-2285.....www.mhari.org

The **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** 1-800-273-TALK(8255) www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (Specifically for U.S. Veterans) 1-800-273-TALK (8255), X 1. www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

The **Samaritans of Rhode Island** help people who are at risk of suicide. 272-4044 1-800-365-4044

www.samaritansri.org

These hospitals have geriatric psychiatric units and mental health services, specifically for seniors:
The Butler Hospital Senior Treatment Unit: 345
Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, RI 02906
455-6356......www.butler.org
455-6214.....www.butler.org

Our Lady of Fatima Hospital Geriatric Psychiatric Unit: 200 High Service Avenue, North Providence, RI 02904.
456-3060......www.fatimahospital.com

Roger Williams Medical Center Geriatric Psychiatric Unit: 825 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence, RI 02908

The Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Organizations, 40 Sharpe Drive, Unit 3, Cranston, RI 02920, assists individuals seeking information and referral about treatment. Member organizations offer a wide variety of mental health and substance abuse treatments, including emergency services.

456-2363.....www.rwmc.org

228-7990.....www.riccmho.org

The Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals is committed to ensuring access to quality services and supports for Rhode Islanders with developmental disabilities, mental health and substance abuse issues, and chronic long-term medical and psychiatric conditions; and to erase the stigma attached to these disabilities.

Developmental Disabilities	462-3234
Mental Health	462-3291
Substance Abuse	462-4680
Eleanor Slater Hospital	
111 Howard Avenue, Cranston, F	RI 02920
462-3085	
Zambarano Hospital	
2090 Wallum Lake, Burrillville, RI	02859
567-5400	
www.bhddh.ri.gov	

The Rhode Island Office of the Mental Health Advocate, 57 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, is an independent state agency that provides free legal, investigative, and advocacy services to individuals to prevent inappropriate admissions to psychiatric facilities, and to protect the rights of persons in mental health and inpatient substance abuse treatment.

462-2003......1-800-346-2282.....462-6018 (TTY) www.bdddh.ri.gov

WellOne-Primary Medical and Dental Care provides help to seniors coping with issues such as depression, substance abuse, anxiety and relationships. Accepts most insurance plans, including Medicaid. Sliding fee scale program.

FOSTER

142A Danielson Pike, Foster, RI 02825 647-3702.....www.welloneri.org

NORTH KINGSTOWN

308 Callahan Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852 295-9706.....www.welloneri.org

PASCOAG

36 Bridge Way, Pascoag, RI 02859 567-0800.....www.welloneri.org

SCITUATE

35 Village Plaza Way, Scituate, RI 02857 647-6262.....www.welloneri.org

PENSION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

For many seniors, pensions are a significant part of their retirement income. Pensions. Social Security benefits, savings, and investments all contribute to financial security in the postemployment world. With the shifting of pensions from defined benefits to 401 (k), 403 (b), and other plans, company mergers, business bankruptcies, and the introduction of hybrid pension plans, it can be difficult to determine if you are entitled to a benefit, what that benefit actually is, and how to apply for benefits. The New England Pension Assistance Project (NEPAP), affiliated with the Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, offers free pension counseling services to Rhode Islanders to help them find lost pensions, correct pension errors, and answer questions about pension laws. The service can include tracing pension benefits from companies that have been merged or have gone bankrupt, researching and filing for spousal or survival benefits, and answering pension eligibility questions.

1-888-425-6550.....www.pensionhelp.org

PHYSICIAN REFERRAL

The **Rhode Island Medical Society**, 235 Promenade Street, Suite 500, Providence, RI 02908, provides information to persons looking for a physician.

331-3207.....www.rimed.org

The Rhode Island Family Health Care Guide provides information on healthcare issues, such as child immunizations, nutrition and wellness, health insurance, women's health, and also information on the state's network of hospitals. www.rifamilyguide.com

Several of the state's hospitals also have physician referral services. Contact the hospital of your choice to inquire about these services.

RESPITE CARE PROGRAMS

Respite is planned or emergency care that provides temporary relief to family caregivers of all ages. The **CareBreaks Program** assists caregivers taking care of family members age 60 and older. Some volunteers may be available. If needed, **CareBreaks** may also help to pay part of the cost for **respite** provided by approved agencies. For information, contact the Diocese of Providence, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903.

421-7833 ext. 212 www.dioceseofprovidence.org

The Rhode Island TimeBank Initiative works with partners across the state to build support networks of individuals, children, youth, families, and communities across the state. For every hour that a person assists an individual or group, he/she earns a Time Dollar. They can then use that Time Dollar to receive an hour of a neighbor's time or engage in a group activity offered by a neighbor. For more information, contact:

The Rhode Island Parent Support Network, 1395 Atwood Avenue, Suite114, Johnston, RI 02919

467-6855.....www.psnri.org

Senior centers offer volunteer opportunities, recreation, group activities, counseling, information and referral, continuing education, and other support services for seniors. Most provide hot lunches, outreach, transportation, and health services.

Barrington Senior Center	
281 County Road 02806	247-1926
Bristol: Benjamin Church Cente	er
1020 Hope Street 02809	253-8458
Charlestown Senior Center	
100 Park Lane 02813	.364-9955
Coventry Senior Center	
50 Wood Street 02816	822-9175
Cranston Senior Center	
1070 Cranston Street 02920	780-6000
Cumberland Senior Center	
1464 Diamond Hill Road 02864	334-2555
East Greenwich Senior Service	S
121 Peirce Street 02818	886-8669
East Providence Senior Center	
610 Waterman Avenue 02914	435-7800
Foster Senior Services	
181 Howard Hill Road 02825	392-9200
Glocester Senior Center	
1210 Putnam Pike 02814	567-4557
Hopkinton Senior Center	
188 Main Sttrry, Ashaway 02804.	377-7795
Jamestown Senior Center	
6 West Street 02835	423-2658

Johnston Senior Center
1291 Hartford Avenue 02919944-3343
Lincoln Senior Center
150 Jenckes Hill Road 02865753-7000
Middletown Senior Center
650 Green End Avenue 02842849-8823
Narragansett Senior Center
53 Mumford Road 02882782-0675
Newport:
Edward King House
35 King Street 02840846-7426
Park Holm Senior Center
One Eisenhower Road 02840846-3887
Martin Luther King Center
20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd 02840.
846-4828
North Kingstown Senior Center
44 Beach Street 02852268-1590
North Providence:
Salvatore Mancini Center
2 Atlantic Boulevard 02911231-0742
Pawtucket:
Leon Mathieu Senior Center
420 Main Street 02860728-7582
Portsmouth Senior Center
110 Bristol Ferry Road 02871683-4106
Providence:
Capital City Senior Programs:
Lillian Feinstein Center
1085 Chalkstone Ave 02908455-3888

Providence:
DaVinci Center for Community Progress
470 Charles Street 02904272-7474
Federal Hill Community Center
9 Courtland Street 02909421-4722
Hamilton House
276 Angell Street 02906831-1800
Hartford Park Senior Center
355 Hartford Avenue 02909521-1180
Jewish Community Center
401 Elmgrove Avenue 02906861-8800
Nickerson House Senior Center
133 Delaine Street 02909351-2241
Silver Lake Center
529 Plainfield Street 02909944-8300
(V/TTY) Note : Deaf/hearing-impaired
seniors meet Tuesdays from 9AM. to 3PM.
St. Martin dePorres Center
160 Cranston Street 02907274-6783
Washington Park Center
42 Jillson Street 02905461-6650
West End Community Center
109 Bucklin Street 02907781-4242
Richmond Adult Center
1168 Main Street 02898539-6144
Scituate Senior Center
1315 Chopmist Hill Road 02857647-2662
Smithfield Senior Center
One William J. Hawkins Trail 02828949-4590

South Kingstown:
The Center
25 St. Dominic Road 02879789-0268
Tiverton Senior Center
207 Canonicus Road 02878625-6790
Warren Senior Center
20 Libby Lane 02885247-1930
Warwick:
Pilgrim Senior Center
27 Pilgrim Parkway 02888468-4090
West Warwick Senior Center
145 Washington Street 02893822-4450
Westerly Senior Center
39 State Street 02891596-2404
Woonsocket Senior Center
84 Social Street 02895766-3734

Senior Center Month is observed each year in September. The celebration recognizes these community centers for their vital role in assisting and supporting seniors, adults with disabilities, families, and caregivers, by helping them access programs and services that preserve their independence and maintain their dignity. Call your local senior center to find out about Senior Center Month events.

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

The Senior Companion Program (SCP) trains volunteers to serve isolated older adults in their own homes, adult day centers, and other community sites. Volunteers must be 55 or older and must meet specified income limits. Volunteers receive a tax-free stipend and other benefits while serving clients an average of 20 hours weekly. Senior Companions visit with almost 500 elders weekly. Over the course of more than 30 years of service to Rhode Island's elders, volunteers have dedicated more than one million hours of friendship, compassion, and one-to-one human contact to those in need of a helping hand, socialization, and companionship.

462-0569......462-0740(TTY).....www.dea.ri.gov

SENIOR/DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island, 100 Houghton Street, Providence, RI 02904, is a comprehensive education and employment center serving the needs of persons with disabilities and other barriers to employment. Services include vocational evaluations, computer training, job development and placement, and job coaching services.

861-2080 331-2830 (TTY) www.goodwillri.org

The Office of Rehabilitation Services-Vocational Rehabilitation, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, RI 02903, helps individuals with disabilities to choose, prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment.

421-7005......www.ors.ri.gov

SENIOR/DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

SER-Jobs for Progress, Inc. (SER), 100 East Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860, (SER) provides job training and job search support to low-income Rhode Islanders, aged 55 and older. People learn new work skills while they train at non-profit agencies. [Funded by the US Department of Labor through SER Jobs for Progress National, Inc. and through the RI Department of Labor and Training] to operate the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) of RI

Main Office:

100 East Avenue Pawtucket, RI 02860 724-1820

Providence Office

807 Broad Street; Suite 101 Providence, RI 02907 785-3190

Warwick Office

218 Buttonwoods Ave Warwick, RI 02886 732-4666 x122

Website:www.ser-ri.org

SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SHIP)

The Rhode Island Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) is part of a national partnership to help consumers make informed health care choices. SHIP volunteers provide one-to-one, unbiased counseling to seniors, adults with disabilities, families, and caregivers. The program is designed to help seniors and adults with disabilities understand health care cost and coverage. SHIP counselors can discuss Medicare. Medicare Part D. supplemental insurance. Medicare Advantage plans, and other health insurance options. SHIP counselors assist beneficiaries in making the most appropriate choice for their health care needs.

For a complete listing of SHIP agencies, please refer to **POINT Network** section in this guide.

462-0510 462-0740 (TTY)

www.dea.ri.gov

SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL PROGRAM (SMP)

The Rhode Island Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) program helps beneficiaries recognize and report Medicare and Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse. Medicare and Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse consists of such actions as incorrectly reporting a diagnosis, procedure, treatment, or medication to get a higher payment, billing for individual mental health services when group counseling was provided, billing for brand name prescriptions when generic medications were dispensed, using another person's Medicare or Medicaid card to get services, or double-billing Medicare, Medicaid, and a private insurance carrier for the same service. For a complete listing of SMP agencies, please refer to POINT Network section in this guide.

462-0931

462-0740 (TTY)

www.dea.ri.gov

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Administration is the primary source of information for Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicare enrollment. These offices accept walkins for applying for Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and provides Medicare information, and Medicare enrollment services. You can call ahead for an appointment, which will reduce your wait time in the office. Many Social Security services can now be accessed online at www.ssa.gov by creating a personalized My Social Security account. With the My Social Security account, you can enroll in Social Security and Medicare, apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits, check your application status, apply for the Low-Income Subsidy (LIS-Extra Help) benefit for your Medicare Prescription Drug (Medicare Part D) plan, review your Social Security earnings record, estimate your benefit, or appeal a decision. Social Security benefits are paid by electronic transfer. You can designate a bank or credit union for direct deposit, or you can switch to a Social Security-designated pre-paid debit card.

1-800-772-1213 1-800-325-0778 (TTY) www.ssa.gov

SOCIAL SECURITY

You can also contact these local Social Security offices:

Newport: 130 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI 02840

1-866-253-5607

Pawtucket: 4 Pleasant Street, Pawtucket, RI

02860

1-866-931-7079

Providence: 380 Westminster Street, Providence,

RI 02903; 1-877-402-0808

Warwick: 30 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI 02886

1-866-964-2038

Woonsocket: 2168 Diamond Hill Road,

Woonsocket, RI 02895

1-877-229-3542

Applications for **Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)** are taken at the Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, RI 02903. The agency administers the Disability Determination Services program for the Social Security Administration, and determines medical eligibility of individuals with disabilities applying for cash benefits.

421-7005......421-7106 (TTY)......www.ors.ri.gov

SOCIAL SECURITY

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) provides cash payments to qualified persons 65 and older, blind, or adults with disabilities. SSI recipients are eligible for medical assistance, homemaker, and other services, such as hearing aids, discounts on telephone and electric bills, and the assistance of a social worker. Apply for SSI at your local Social Security office, as listed in this guide.

In own household:
\$735/month (S).....\$1,103/month (M)

In another person's household:
\$490/month (S).....\$735.34/month (M)

Assisted Living:....\$1,067/month

Resources:
\$2,000 (S).....\$3,000 (M)

Current SSI income and resource limits:

Face value/Life insurance:

\$1,500/person

1-800-772-1213... 1-800-325-0778 (TTY)... www.ssa.gov

TAX ASSISTANCE

Many Rhode Island cities and towns may offer property tax abatements to residents who meet certain requirements. Call your city or town hall.

For information regarding federal taxes, contact the **Internal Revenue Service**, 380 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903.

1-800-829-1040 (Voice/TTY).

Forms: 1-800-829-3676.....www.irs.gov

The Rhode Island Property Tax Relief Program (Form RI1040H) must be filed with the Division of Taxation between January 1 and April 15. State resident homeowners and renters, who live in a dwelling that is subject to property tax, may qualify for a rebate of up to \$300 if their annual household income does not exceed \$30,000.

For information regarding state taxes, contact the **Rhode Island Division of Taxation**, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908.

574-8829

Forms: 574-8970.....www.tax.state.ri.us

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

The Rhode Island Public Transportation Authority (RIPTA), 269 Melrose Street, Providence, RI 02907, offers low-income persons with a disability, or age 65 and older, the opportunity to ride free of charge on a RIPTA bus with a RIPTA No Fare Bus Pass. All other persons age 65 and older, or persons with a disability, pay full fare from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, and pay half-price at all other times, with the presentation of a RIPTA Senior/Disabled Pass, or a Medicare ID card. 784-9500, X 604.......www.ripta.com

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Rhode Islanders of any age who have a disability may be eligible for the **Americans with Disabilities Act** (ADA) Paratransit Services. The program provides transportation service if disability(s) prevents the individual from using regular Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) bus service. Service is provided along existing RIPTA routes at a fare of \$4 per each one-way trip.

461-9670.....

711 (Relay RI).....www.ripta.com

Friends in Service to Humanity (FISH) is a local organization that provides rides for dental, medical, and social service appointments for residents of Exeter and North Kingstown.

295-1121.....www.northkingstown.org

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Southern Rhode Island Volunteers, provides transportation for medical, dental, and therapy appointments, among other services.

789-2362.....www.southernrivol.org

NOTE: Some cities and towns offer senior transportation for non-medical destinations, such as the grocery store, or other locations. Call your local senior center, or city or town hall.

LogistiCare coordinates specialized transportation services for Rhode Islanders age 60 and older and adults with disabilities. Transportation is available for general medical appointments, special medical appointments (kidney dialysis, cancer treatment, wound care), adult day services, the senior Café meals program, and for INSIGHT clients and programs. There is a \$2 fee per ride. Medicaid recipients pay the \$2 fee per ride only for transportation to the Café programs. Transportation to the Cafés is provided between hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Reservations are required 48 hours in advance by calling LogistiCare, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1-855-330-9131.....1-866-288-3133 (TTY)

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

LogistiCare also coordinates non-emergency transportation for Medicaid recipients who have no other means of medical transportation, or who have no other resource such as family, friends, bus passes, etc., and transportation by any other means would endanger the individual's health and/or safety. Non-emergency transportation is covered when an individual has Medicaid and is receiving a Medicaid-covered service from an authorized provider. Reservations are required at least two (2) days in advance of the appointment.

1-855-330-9131

1-866-288-3133 (TTY)

TRI-CARE HEALTH INSURANCE

TRICARE is the health care program for active, National Guard and reserve service men and women, and their families. TRICARE is a major part of the Military Health System that combines the resources of military hospitals and clinics with civilian health care networks, provides access to high-quality health care, and supports military operations. TRICARE for Life offers secondary coverage Medicare for all to TRICARE beneficiaries who have both Medicare Parts A and B. TRICARE offers several plan options and special programs for our service members and their families. TRICARE is managed by the Defense Health Agency (DHA) under leadership of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).

TRICARE NORTH REGION BENEFICIARY SERVICES:

Health Net Federal Services, Inc. Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 1-877-TRICARE.....(1-877-874-2273)

VETERANS PROGRAMS

The Rhode Island Division of Veterans Affairs, 560 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02886, provides many services for Rhode Island veterans and their families. These services include:

- · Benefits counseling.
- Referral to community support services.
- · Services for homeless veterans.
- Burial services at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery in Exeter.

921-2119..... www.vets.**ri**.gov

The Middletown Community Based Outpatient Clinic, One Corporate Place, Middletown, RI 02842, provides comprehensive primary healthcare to veterans residing in Newport, Bristol, and Washington counties.

847-6239.....www.providence.va.gov

Operation Stand Down Rhode Island, 1010 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919, serves homeless and disabled veterans. Assistance includes social services, counseling, and emergency and permanent housing. 383-4730......www.osdri.org

Order of the Purple Heart Service Officer, 380 Westminster Street, VARO-Room 205, Providence, RI 02903 223-3731

VETERANS PROGRAMS

The Providence Regional Office of the Veterans Benefits Administration, 380 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903, is responsible for the management of most non-medical benefits provided by the Veterans Benefits Administration, including compensation, pensions, vocational rehabilitation, and counseling. The office coordinates the local benefit activities associated with education, home loan guarantees, and veterans' life insurance.

1-800-827-1000.....www.va.gov

The Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center, 830 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence, RI 02908, is dedicated to providing comprehensive outpatient and inpatient healthcare to veterans residing in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts.

273-7100.....1-866-363-4486 www.providence.va.gov

The **Rhode Island Veterans Home**, 480 Metacom Avenue, Bristol, RI 02809, provides quality nursing and residential care to Rhode Island war veterans in need. Social, medical, nursing, and rehabilitative services are also provided to veterans, their survivors, and/or dependents.

253-8000......245-8495.....www.dhs.ri.gov

VETERANS PROGRAMS

The local office of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 2038 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02889, offers information on wellness programs, health care services, hospitalization, substance abuse and addiction treatment, and other support programs. The Center also provides readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who served in a combat zone. Bereavement counseling and counseling for harassment is available. Family members and/or significant others are eligible for support regarding militaryrelated issues. There is no cost to the veteran or family for these services. The office also hosts the Center for Women Veterans, the Homeless Assistance Program, and other initiatives, to improve the quality of life for those who have served in the armed forces.

739-0167.....www.va.gov

The Veterans Resource and Recovery Center, 830 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence, RI 02908, provides vocational and supportive services for veterans with barriers to employment and/or with a disability.

273-7100, X 3413.....www.providence.va.gov

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Foster Grandparent Program of Rhode Island volunteers serve special needs children statewide in residential and community settings, such as schools, day care centers, and hospitals.

East Bay Foster Grandparent Program, 610 Waterman Avenue,

East Providence, RI 02915.

435-7876.....www.eastbayrsvp.org

Foster Grandparent Program of Rhode Island, 145 Washington Street, West Warwick, RI 02893. 822-4450.....www.westwarwickri.org

Providence Foster Grandparent Program, 9 Courtland Street, Providence, RI 02909. 421-1095.....www.federalhillhouse.org

The **Visitor Program**, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903, provides companionship and friendly support to homebound elderly persons across the state. Volunteers visit to read, write letters, and to chat with people who are homebound and are in need of social contact. The program welcomes seniors who wish to volunteer their time for a few hours each week. Homebound seniors may also call to find out about connecting with a visitor.

421-7833 ext. 228...www.dioceseofprovidence.org

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) provides opportunities for persons 55 years and older to utilize their enthusiasm, skills, and experience in a volunteer capacity. For information, call these agencies:

Blackstone Valley RSVP: 32 Goff Avenue. Pawtucket, RI 02860 723-4520. X 275.....www.bvcap.org Capitol Region RSVP: 9 Courtland Street, Providence, RI 02909 421-1095.....www.capitolregionrsvp.org Cranston RSVP: 1070 Cranston Street. Cranston, RI 02920 780-6180.....www.cranstonri.com East Bay RSVP: 610 Waterman Avenue, East Providence, RI 02915 435-7876.....www.eastbayrsvp.org Westbay RSVP: 224 Buttonwoods Avenue. Warwick, RI 02886 732-4660, X 1.....www.westbaycap.org RSVP of Northern Rhode Island: 300 Cumberland Street, Suite 300, Woonsocket, RI 02895......766-2300

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

SCORE Counselors to America's Small Businesses 380 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903, is a non-profit organization of active and retired business executives that offers free, confidential advice for persons who are starting or operating a small business.

528-4561.....www.score.org

Serve Rhode Island, 655 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02907, encourages volunteerism as a vital role in the citizenship and service that enhances the quality of life for individuals who need support to maintain their independence. 331-2298.....www.serverhodeisland.org

The **Southern Rhode Island Volunteers**, 25 St. Dominic Road, Wakefield, RI 02879, provides transportation and other services to seniors who need community support.

789-2362.....www.southernrivol.org

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